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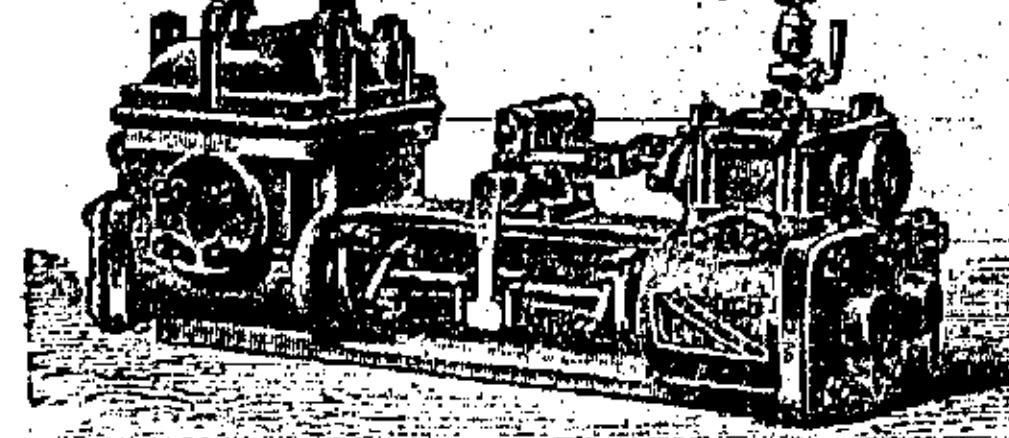
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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 18th day of August next, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, and also the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1900, on the Paid-up Capital.

Dividend Warrants payable on SATURDAY, the 18th August, will be issued to Shareholders on Application.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to 18th Inst., both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, August 2, 1900. 1656

H. M. BEVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 25, 1900. 1610

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—English Mail steamer *Mavis* leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Meeting.

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

Dividend Warrants of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., payable.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, August 20.—Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at the Co's Office, Queen's Buildings, Connaught Road.

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at Shaukiwan.

TUESDAY, August 21.—3 p.m.—Important Auction of Land situated at Kowloon, with frontage on the Camerton Road.

3 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Property, viz., situated at Yauatin, by Messrs. Hughes and Bough. Goods per *Franz Ferdinand* undelivered after this date subject to rent.Goods per *Brandt* undelivered after this date subject to rent.WEDNESDAY, August 22.—Goods per *China* undelivered, after this date subject to rent.THURSDAY, August 23.—Goods per *Paramatta* not cleared at 4 p.m. subject to rent.

FRIDAY, August 24.—Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd., at the Company's Hotel.

FRIDAY, August 24.—Interest Dividend of \$2.50 on Shares of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., payable.

MONDAY, September 3.—Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Co., Ltd., at the Office of the General Manager.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, August 17, 1900.

On London—	2.0%
Bank, Wire, ...	2.0%
On demand, ...	2.0%
30 days' sight, ...	2.0%
4 months' sight, ...	2.0%
Credits, 4 months' sight, ...	2.0%
Documentary, 4 months' sight, ...	2.0%
On Paris—	2.54
Crofts, 4 months' sight, ...	2.54
On Berlin—Demand, ...	2.07
On New York—	481
Crofts, 90 days' sight, ...	501
On Bombay—	1541
Wire, ...	1541
On Calcutta—	1541
Wire, ...	1541
On demand, ...	2.0%
On Singapore—	2.0%
On demand, ...	2.0%
On Manila—	21% pm
On demand, ...	21% pm
On Shanghai—	712
30 days' sight, (private paper) ...	721
On Yokohama—	17%
On demand, ...	17%
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael) ...	\$52.00
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate), ...	\$ 9.85
Silver (per oz.) ...	\$.23.44



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B. SUPERIOR PALE DRY.

Dinner Wine, Green Seal

Capsule.....\$10.80

C. MANZANILLA, PALE

NATURAL SHERRY,

White Capsule.....12.00

CC. SUPERIOR OLD DRY,

PALE NATURAL SHERRY,

Red Seal Capsule.....12.00

D. VERY SUPERIOR OLD

PALE DRY, choice old

wine, White Seal Capsule....14.40

E. EXTRA SUPERIOR OLD

PALE DRY, very finest

quality, Black Seal Capsule

(Old Bottled).....20.40

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.20 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1900.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Heat In London.
The thermometer in London on July 10, registered 90 deg. Fahrenheit in the shade. In Paris the mercury rose to 95 deg., and in New York to 104. A large number of cases of sunstroke had occurred.

Failure to Concrete.

Messrs. Douglas Laprade & Co. were at the Magistracy, to-day, in respect of each of the houses Nos. 21 and 25 Caine Road, the ground surfaces of which they had failed to concrete. They were given a month in which to do the work. Mr. Looker represented defendants and stated that the work had already been begun.

Hongkong Hotel.

The Band of the Hongkong Regiment will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow (Saturday) evening from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

March... Sons of the Empire Bradford
Overton, Lums... Harold
Selction, A Gentry Girl... Jones
Waltz... Dio Alphonse... Greedy
Cavatina... Anna Boheme... Donizetti
Polka... The Whistling Polka... Lawton

God Save the Queen.

Share List.

The following alterations in our share list are noted after the hour of correction : Union, \$250, buyers; China Fire, \$76, sales; Deck, \$10 1/2 per cent.; \$762, sellers; Steamboat, 231, buyers; Indo-China, \$75, buyers; China Sugar, \$65, sales and buyers; Wharf, \$60, sellers; and \$80, sellers; Hongkong Land, \$160, buyers; Jellicoe, \$81, buyers; Now Pampum, \$52, new call, sellers; Taub, \$56, sellers; Olivers \$3, sellers; Hongkong Hotel, \$124, sellers; Green Island, \$20, sellers; Rose, \$156, sellers; and China Provident, \$92, sales and buyers.

Land for Native Christians.

Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Co., agents for the British North Borneo Coy., have received a telegraphic message to learn that the Legations were holding out even as late in the day as Wednesday the 16th August; and the use of the big guns of the invaders or of the military bands of the Relief Force, would bear some slight resemblance to the valour notes of the Campbells are coming' heard by the besieged ones in Lucknow in 1857. A few days more should bring us the real state of things in the Legations, a list of casualties, a list of those saved as from fire and sword and famine, and some slight gleams of the hardships and unendings of miseries suffered by all of the noble band, dead or alive.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

The German Mail of the 12th July was delivered in London on the 13th August.

The return of plague cases up to noon on the 1st August showed that 5 fresh cases and 4 deaths occurred during the preceding 24 hours.

The owners of 22 houses appeared at the Magistracy to-day charged with failing to provide back-yards to their properties in accordance with Ordinance 34 of 1890. Inspector Bratt prosecuted and they were fined \$15 for each house.

Plague Epidemic Ceased.

Hon. R. D. Ousby, Chairman of the Sanitary Board, at the meeting of that body yesterday, said, in answer to a question by Dr Hartigan, that at a confidential meeting of the Board it was decided to inform the Government that plague had ceased to be epidemic in the colony.

Hongkong's Defences.

The *New and Military Record* remarks that the dilatoriness of the authorities in strengthening the defences of Hongkong is not calculated to heal the breach which exists between the public and the War Office. The movable armament in the Colony comprises eighteen obsolescent muzzle-loading guns that would be utterly useless against modern weapons. They are, moreover, fired with black powder, which would enable an enemy to once locate their positions. Some of them are short muzzle-loading 7-pounders over 20 years old, with an effective range of less than a mile, and another half dozen are 25 pounder guns, which would be manned by the local volunteers. The authorities have been urged over and over again to provide modern guns, but the appeals have been in vain.

T. & Coal Coolies' Humour.

The *Singapore Free Press* is informed that when one of the last transports—it may have been the *Jelangah*—left from the wharf after loading, a lot of about 200 strong and vicious Chinese rebels ran away. The *China Mail* by drawing their fingers with great significance across their naked breasts. As much as to say, "Go where glory (and decapitation) waits thee."

Slot System Telephone.

The introduction of the automatic or "wireless" in the slot telephones in Melbourne has proved a great success, and the local Postmaster is about to extend the system. There are now 17 of these machines at various parts of the city and suburbs, and the average returns exceed the subscription of 10/- per telephone. At the railway stations, each machine has an annual revenue of £200-£250. Altogether 50 instruments are to be manufactured, and will be placed in such parts of the city as they are most required.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory :—

On the 17th at 11.0 a.m. Black Drum boisterous, 11-12 m.s. The barometer low and falling steadily on the China coast, and is likely to continue so in the Philippines. The depression is of great extent and the position of the central area indicated, but probably it is situated near S. Formosa and has a slow motion towards N.W. If the weather in the Far East changes, and N.E. part of the China Sea forecast, N.W. winds will prevail.

Small quantities are supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

THE CHINA MAIL.

TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.]

THE POWERS AND CHINA.

THE LEGATION SAFE.

Peking Attacked by the Allies.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, August 16, 9.55 p.m.

The Legation at Peking was holding out on the 11th August.

August 16, 9.30 p.m.

The Allies attacked Peking yesterday.

The Legation was safe on the 15th August.

THE TROOPS AT SHANGHAI.

The orders to the British troops at Shanghai to proceed to Weihaiwei have been countermanded.

The German cruiser *Schwalbe* is here.

The City of Cambridge passed through.

The Britons and Brundts are gunboats

of 700 tons displacement—180 feet in

length, 33 feet beam, with a draught of 8

feet. They are fitted with engines of 1300

horse power. Each boat has 2 4 in. and 4

12-pounder quick-firing guns.

The City of Cambridge brings on No. 4

Coolie Corps and 54th Native Field Hos-

pital.

Attack on Peking:

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, August 16, 4.50 p.m.

The British first-class gunboats *Britannia* and *Brundt* have arrived.

The German cruiser *Schwalbe* is here.

The German cruiser *Schwal*

Shipping.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship
TSINAN.

Captain ANDERSON will be despatched on

MONDAY, the 20th August, at Noon.

The attention of Passengers is directed to

the Superior Accommodation offered by

this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is

situated forward of the Engines.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and

the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric

Light.

For Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 30, 1900. 1639

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship
LOONGSANG.

Captain WHEELWELL will be despatched as

above on TUESDAY, the 21st Instant, at 5

P.M.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation

for First-class Passengers, is fitted

throughout with the Electric Light, and

carries a Doctor.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 14, 1900. 1737

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship
RHYPECS.

will be despatched as above on TUESDAY,

the 21st August.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 13, 1900. 1592

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAM SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's New Steamship
DIAMANTE.

Captain A. RANSAY will be despatched

as above on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd Inst.,

at 6 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to

the Superior Accommodation provided

by this Steamer. She is fitted throughout

with Electric Light.

A Doctor is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHewan, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 16, 1900. 1743

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship
KASUGA MARU.

390 tons Gross, Captain E. W. HARVEY,

will be despatched for the above Port on

FRIDAY, the 24th Instant, at 4 p.m.

This New Mail Steamer is specially con-

structed for service in the Tropics, and

is provided with superior accommodation

and with all modern fittings and improve-

ments for the safety and comfort of Passen-

gers. Electric Light, and Refrigerator;

Doctor and Stewardess carried.

Return Tickets issued by this Company

are available for return by Steamers of the

other lines.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, August 15, 1900. 1740

UNITED STATES AND CHINA-JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship RICHMOND CASTLE

will be despatched for the above Port on

or about the 25th August, and will be fol-

lowed by the Steamship AFRIDI, or

about the 3rd September, and the Steam-

ship MARIA DE LARRINAGA.

For Freight, apply to

DODWELL & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, August 14, 1900. 1587

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

REGULAR SERVICE

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

INDRAVELLI.

Captain W. E. CHAVEZ will be despatched

as above or about the 24th Augt.

For Freight, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 20, 1900. 1570

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SAN FRANCISCO RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO KOREA, JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN PORTS, HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, OCEANIC PORTS, HONOLULU, PORTS OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS, HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, THE CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, ETC.

Elgin King... At 10th Sept.

THE S.S. DAISY will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 18th September.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, July 19, 1900. 1559

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LIVERPOOL DIRECT.

(Taking Cargo at LONDON Rates).

THE Company's Steamship

JUNION.

Captain ROBINSON will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 18th September.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, August 9, 1900. 1609

CARMICHAEL & BARLOW.

Consulting Engineers, Surveyors and Contractors.

QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.

THE THOUSAND WORDS' POEM.

Translated from the Chinese.

By E. J. ELLIOT, Ph.D.

To be had—Price 30 Cents the set from the CHINA MAIL Office, 5 Wyndham Street.

RIGAUD & C°.

10,000 White Violets equal each ball of Rigaud's Extract.

PARIS.

Sold by A. S. WATSON & Co., Chemists.

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